

TROPICAL CYCLONE 01B

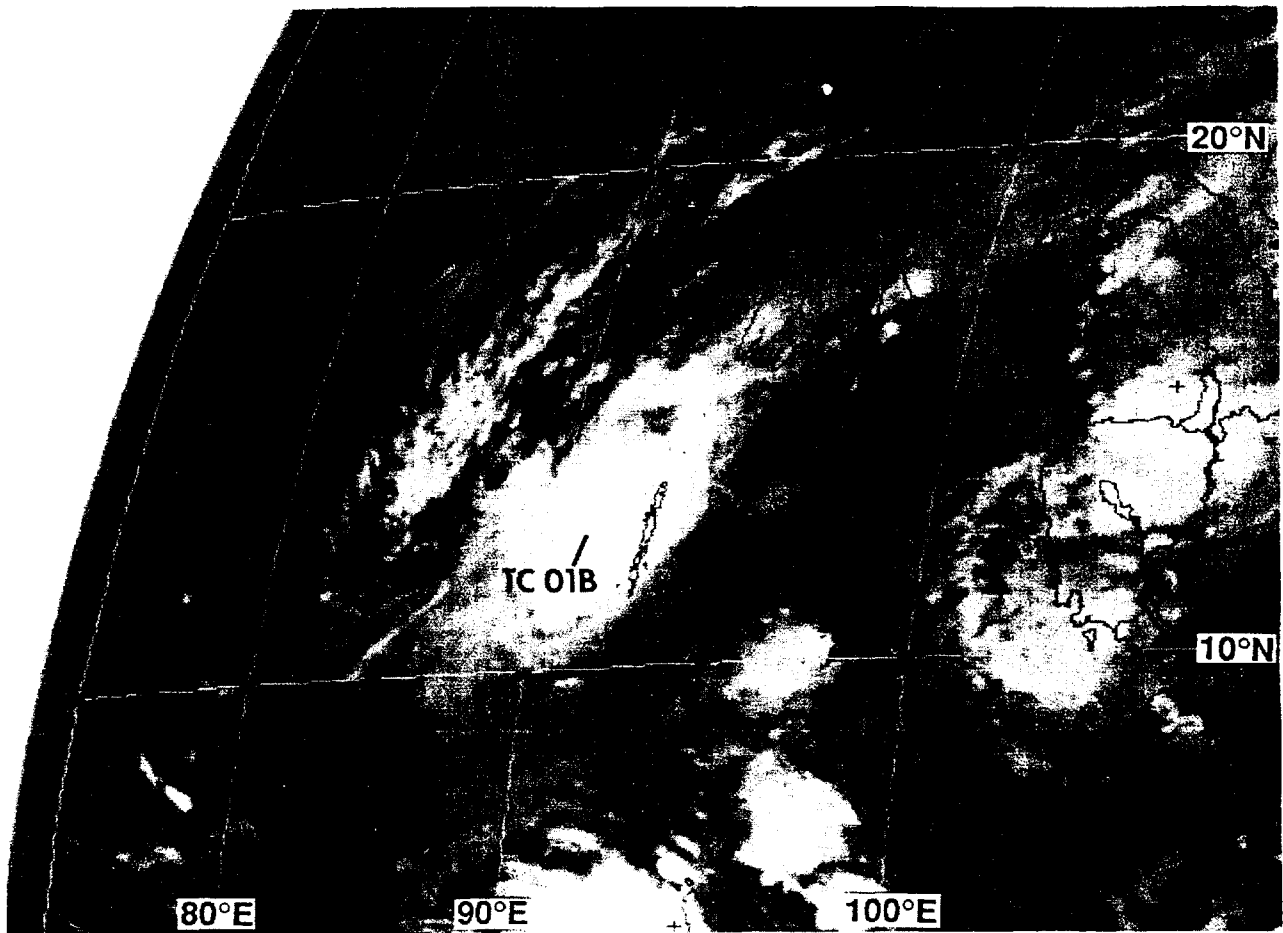


Figure 3-01B-1 Tropical Cyclone 01B near peak intensity in the central Bay of Bengal (222331Z March infrared GMS imagery).

Tropical Cyclone 01B was the first significant tropical cyclone to occur in the Northern Indian Ocean during 1994. It was first mentioned on the 201800Z March Significant Tropical Weather Advisory as area of persistent deep convection in the Bay of Bengal southwest of the Andaman Islands. Continued development led to a Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert, issued by JTWC at 210400Z. A second Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert at 220400Z was followed by the first warning at 221200Z. The tropical cyclone moved slowly and north-northwestward, reaching a peak intensity of 40 kt (21 m/sec) at 230600Z. The final warning was issued at 250000Z, as the weakening low-level vortex drifted south-southwestward.